



Thumbs Up Adventure Club Inc.
www.tuac.co.nz

"The Thumbs Up Adventure Club is a social and active group of people who enjoy living life to the fullest"

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Our account details: ASB Bank 12-3014-0118011-00

For internet banking - state the event you are paying for. If paying your subs please enter invoice number. Please deposit cheques directly into the Club's bank account and email Libby (libby.lyver@gmail.com) the same information.

CHECK WITH EVENT ORGANISER THAT PLACES ARE AVAILABLE BEFORE MAKING ANY PAYMENT

Non members may attend some club events. Members have priority and a surcharge may be applied to non members. Contact the event organiser directly to make a booking for any event.

If you have confirmed you wish to go to an event where the ticket is pre-paid by the organiser or accommodation booked, please pay by the due date. The ticket is still your responsibility to pay. You can sell it or give it away.

If accommodation has been made for you by the organiser, it is your responsibility to either pay the whole amount, or find someone else to take your place. If you cannot attend on the day, please advise the organiser immediately as they may have other people wishing to attend.

April 2017 – May 2017

BURGER AND BOWLS

Onehunga Bowling Club, Selwyn Street, Onehunga
Friday 24th March 2017 at 6pm

Bring: Flat shoes
Cost: \$15.00 includes burger, chips and lawn bowls
Confirm: ASAP
Payment: To TUAC account
Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005, 636 541 or annmelrose@gmail.com



THE VICAR OF DIBLEY - TITIRANGI THEATRE, LOPDELL HOUSE, TITIRANGI

Friday 31st March 2017 at 8pm
The much loved comedy by Ian Gower from the TV series by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer. Please book your own tickets [here on our website](#). There is seating for 84. I have booked seat C3 and C4. There is a bar in the theatre where you can get wine/beer, coffee and soft drinks also snacks such as potato crisps, peanuts etc. There is also a restaurant in Lopdell House if you wish to have dinner before the show. I will not be having dinner but will be in the theatre bar at 7.30pm.
Cost: Seniors \$15, Others \$20
Contact: Helene Harper – 021 921 068 or heleneh47@xtra.co.nz



KAYAKING - RAGLAN

Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th March

Travel to Raglan Saturday morning. Lunch, then explore the many and varied shops in Raglan. If you don't want to see the shops, there are some walks to do in the Raglan area varying from 3½ hours to short walks around the Raglan Harbour. Dinner on Saturday evening.



On Sunday morning, we will do a kayak trip for 3 hours from 8am to 11am with Raglan Kayak & Paddleboard. After this – we can either have lunch in Raglan then visit the Bridal Veil Falls before travelling back to Auckland or after the kayaking we could travel up to Wrights Waterfall Cafe in Patumahoe for lunch and have a look around the gardens. (There is a \$10/\$12 charge for the gardens.) This would take about 1hr 50mins to get there but is on the way back to Auckland. We can discuss this later.

At this stage I have booked two tourist flats at the Raglan Kopua Holiday Park for Saturday night at \$110 a night for up to 2 people. They sleep up to 4 people (1 double bed, and a bunk set). There is a kitchen, bathroom with toilet and shower, linen provided.

Other accommodation if required are kitchen cabins (\$85 night) and studio units (\$105 night). Tent sites are available at \$18 a night.

Cost: Kayaking – \$75 per person (includes coffee and snacks)
Accommodation: To be advised depending on numbers.
Confirm by: ASAP due to booking of extra accommodation but no later than Saturday 4th March.

Contact: Janice Calvert – 527 4407, 0274 605 704 or icalvert@slingshot.co.nz

TREE IDENTIFICATION WALK AROUND UNITEC CAMPUS, GREAT NORTH ROAD, PT CHEVALIER

Saturday 1st April at 10am
Meet and park at the carpark, behind KFC, Great North Rd, Pt Chevalier. A guided walk around Unitec campus with Mike Maran. The campus is well known for its many notable and historic trees. The informative walk will assist with your knowledge of how to identify trees and of the importance of how trees are valued in our environment. On site are also Auckland's largest community vegetable gardens. We will return via the Oakley Creek walkway to also view Auckland's only inland waterfall. The walk which is mainly level with one moderate short hill will take 2½ -3hrs return and we will stop at one of the many cafes in Pt Chevalier shops after.

Bring: Usual day trip gear, water and good walking shoes.
Cost: Nil

Contact: Mike Maran – 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com

AUCKLAND HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

Friday 7th April 2017
Meet at a central location so we can carpool and travel together or drive yourself. Location and address to be advised.

In association with NZ House & Garden magazine and in support of the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation experience a selection of some of our country's most beautiful homes and gardens.

Cost: \$70pp Each ticket goes into the draw to win 15 day luxury all-inclusive magnificent Europe river cruise valued at \$20,000 including airfares.

Buy your tickets now at www.nzhouseandgardentours.co.nz
Please inform Mike when you have booked.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or mikemaran10@gmail.com



BIRD WATCHING AT AMBURY

Ambury Farm Regional Park, 43 Ambury Rd, Mangere Bridge
Sunday 9th April at 9.30am

Meet at 9.30am at the Information Stable at the farm park (turn left inside the gate)

Free bird tour organised by Manukau Harbour Restoration Society. Bring along your own binoculars if you have them (some will be provided if you don't) and see if you can identify spoonbills, oyster-catchers, stilts, godwits, dotterels and more.

The tour takes approximately an hour and is guided by experts from Birds NZ. Morning tea afterwards at Mangere Bridge.

Bring: Walking shoes, raincoat and sunhat
(covers all the vagaries of the Auckland weather)

Cost: Free for the tour. Morning tea at your cost

Confirm by: Thursday 6th April

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



OUR MAN IN HAVANA

Howick Little Theatre, 1 Sir Lloyd Drive, Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga

Saturday 27th May at 8pm

Jim Wormald, an unemployed vacuum salesman in 1950's Cuba, is struggling to pay for his teenage daughter's extravagant lifestyle. So when the British Secret Service asks him to become their 'man' in Havana he can't afford to say no. There's just one problem he doesn't know anything. A wonderfully funny and fast-moving romp.

For those that are interested we will meet for a meal at 6pm at the restaurant La Padella, Highland Park Shopping Centre, 505 Pakuranga Rd, Highland Park.

Cost: Adults: \$29.00, Seniors 65+ with gold card \$26.00

Pay by: Please book your own tickets, email info@hlt.org.nz or phone Theatre office 09 534 1401 note bookings open 22nd April.

Confirm: Friday 12th May - Note Saturday 27th May is the final night.

Contact: Janice Calvert - jcalvert@bridoncookes.co.nz or 027 460 5704



THE BIG EASY, NAPIER

Easter 2017 Friday 14th to Monday 17th April

The motel units are already booked! Bring your bike for the 45km Big Easy ride from Havelock North to Napier. This is run on Easter Saturday from 10am and includes a concert at Church Bay Winery after the ride till 6pm. Lots of buskers en route and great discounts off food & drinks while biking along Napier's fabulous bike paths.

Carpooling organised if needed (share costs). Limited accommodation available so get in quick. Sunday ride to brunch along the wine trails.

Bring: Own bike and all biking gear

Costs: Big Easy ride \$35 including T-shirt and concert entry.

\$10 transport to start of ride at Havelock North.

Buy tickets online at www.bigeasy.co.nz

Accommodation approx \$50-\$70 a night shared motel rooms.

(costs depend on how many sharing).

Contact: Libby Lyver - 021 137 1488 or libby.lyver@gmail.com



ROTOROA ISLAND EXCURSION

Saturday 22nd April 2017

Meet 7.45am for 8am departure at the Auckland Ferry Terminal. Rotoroa Island is a unique arts, heritage and conservation island nestled among a chain of islets off Waiheke's east coast. Only a 75 minute ferry ride away from Downtown Auckland. Easily traversed in a day, so bring your walking shoes, pack a picnic and explore the island. The island is the Hauraki Gulf's newest wildlife sanctuary and in partnership with Auckland Zoo, the Rotoroa Island Trust has begun to release endangered native species on the island, including kiwi, saddlebacks, reptiles and takahe.

Bring: Walking shoes, packed lunch

Cost: \$52 per person return

Pay/Confirm by: 2nd April 2017

Contact: Mary Donald - 021 846 066 or mary.don@xtra.co.nz



TUAC AGM

Remuera Club, Ohinerau St Remuera. (formerly the Commercial Travellers Club).

Tuesday 30th May 2017 - 6pm to 9pm

We encourage all Thumbs Up Adventure Club members to attend our annual AGM. AGM Business will commence at 7pm.

We require 3 more committee members. If you are interested, please contact Mike Maran.

Guest speaker will be David & Michelle Morrison on cycling and walking in many interesting countries

Buffet meal will be at 6.30pm Cost \$20 to be confirmed in the next newsletter. Numbers please asap.

Could I have an indication on your attendance so we can convey to the caterers on the numbers for dinner.

Time: 5.30pm for 6pm start - finish 9pm to 9.30pm.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com

MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Lilliput Golf Course, Tamaki Drive

Saturday 3rd June at 10am

Meet and park in the carpark alongside the Lilliput course on Tamaki Drive.

Time to sharpen up your golf putting skills, alongside the Dinosaur replicas at the Lilliput golf course.

We can select either 18 or 36 holes on the two different but challenging golf putting courses. The 18th hole is particularly challenging but lots of fun. The 10am start will ensure that we are the first group to start, so hopefully no delays or queues.

Each of the 18 holes will take about 1hr to 1½ hours to complete

Cost: \$15 for 18 holes or \$22.50 for 36 holes.

Seniors \$12 for 18 holes or \$18 for 36 holes, includes putting club/ball

Pay: Direct on the day at the Lilliput entrance.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com



THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMANN - (A BLACK COMEDY)

Dolphin Theatre, 12 Spring Street, Onehunga

Saturday 13th May at 8pm

Optional Dinner at Thai Archer, 1 Campbell Road Royal Oak at 6pm

Costs: \$24 Seniors, \$28 Adults play only

www.dolphintheatre.org.nz

Pay: TUAC Account

Confirm: 5th May 2017 or asap limited tickets due to small theatre

Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or

annmelrose@gmail.com



BIG BIKE FILM NIGHT 2017

Academy Theatre, 12 Lorne Street, Auckland City

Tuesday 16th May at 8pm

Called Muscle & Dreams - Creating the Old Ghost Road, plus an assortment of short films, www.bikebigfilmmight.nz

Meet at 7.45pm in the Foyer

Optional Dinner at Elliott Stables, Elliott Street at 6 - 6.30pm

Cost: \$20 movie only - please pay into TUAC account

Confirm: ASAP - Limited Tickets available.

I will book a block booking once I know how many members wish to attend.

Contact: Ann Melrose - 021 157 6005, 636 5417 or

annmelrose@gmail.com



JUBILEE SAILING TRUST DAY TRIP ON THE TALL

SAILING SHIP, HMS TENACIOUS

Saturday 17th June 8.30am to 5pm

Ship departs from the wharf alongside the Maritime Museum left side of Princess Wharf.

A unique opportunity to assist on sailing a large sailing vessel and participate in all aspects of the adventure of tall ship sailing. The ship's primary purpose is to assist those with physical and intellectual disabilities and to encourage self-discovery while increasing life skills with active participation while enjoying yourself and making new friends. The Tenacious has a permanent crew who will assist you through any tasks that you want to get involved in. These tasks are voluntary which include assisting with disabled passengers, assisting the crew in sailing the vessel or just relaxing on the ship. The Tenacious is the largest operating timber hulled vessel in the world and is operated as a UN accredited charity under the Jubilee Sailing Trust NZ.

For more info on the trust go to www.jst.org.nz

Bring: Not sure if lunch is included, will update you in the next newsletter. You will need your usual gear for water based activities, warm jacket, hat and other day wear gear.

Cost: \$205 per person. If we have a minimum of 10 TUAC members, the Trust will discount the fare by 15%. = \$174.25. Payable to our TUAC bank account.

Confirm/pay: By 1st June. Or please let me know asap so I can inform the Trust of the numbers of members expected.

Contact: Mike Maran - 846 5350, 0274 784 779 or

mikemaran10@gmail.com



BIKE WITH LIGHTS NIGHT RIDE - OREWA ESTUARY

Saturday 24th June at 5pm

Meet and park at 5pm for a 5.30 to 6pm start at the Orewa Western Reserve. Drive over the Orewa bridge and take the first entrance on your left. Park beside the toilets.

Those members with bikes it's time to light up at night. This will be TUAC's significant spectacular winter event. We are going to involve and invite all the Orewa bike community and any other bicycle organisations and clubs who would like to attend. We are hoping to have a multitude of bikes participating to make it a visual night time event and are going to cycle around the Orewa Estuary, which is about 7km. Millwater is halfway at 3.5kms and returning to Western Reserve. The cycleway is mostly on tar sealed and concrete paths with some of the cycleway still on compacted gravel. The event will be advertised in the local paper and any TUAC members will be encouraged to hand out leaflets encouraging new members to join.

You can light up your bike by purchasing LED lights and batteries from the \$2 shops or similar. The club is hoping to have good media coverage.

Bring: Usual bike gear, warm jacket, camera

Cost: Free

Dinner after at your own cost at a café or restaurant in Orewa

Contact: Rob Arnett – 022 644 7886 or gyporob@yahoo.co.uk or David Verrall - 027 203 5508 or gundesenverrall@xtra.co.nz



JOKE

A contestant on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" had reached the final plateau. If she answered the next question correctly, she would win \$1,000,000. If she answered incorrectly, she would pocket only the 32,000 mile stone money. And as she suspected it would be, the million-dollar question was no pushover. It was, "Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest, but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds? Is it A) the condor; B) the buzzard; C) the cuckoo; or D) the vulture?"

The woman was on the spot. She did not know the answer. And she was doubly on the spot because she had used up her 50/50 Lifeline and her Audience Poll Lifeline. All that remained was her Phone-a-Friend! Lifeline. The woman hoped she would not have to use it because ... her friend was, well... blonde. She had no alternative. She called her friend and gave her the question and the four choices. The blonde responded unhesitatingly: "That's easy. The answer is C: The cuckoo." The contestant had to make a decision and make it fast. She considered employing a reverse strategy and giving Regis any answer except the one that her friend had given her. And considering that her friend was a blonde, that would seem to be the logical thing to do. On the other hand – the blonde had responded with such confidence, such certitude, that the contestant could not help but be persuaded.

I need an answer," said Regis.

Crossing her fingers, the contestant said, "C: The cuckoo."

"Is that your final answer?" asked Regis. "Yes, that is my final answer."

Two minutes later, Regis said, "That answer is ... absolutely correct! You are now a millionaire!"

Three days later, the contestant hosted a party for her family and friends including the blonde who had helped her win the million dollars. "Jenny, I just do not know how to thank you!" said the contestant. "How did you happen to know the right answer?"

"Oh, come on," said the blonde. "Everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests. They live in clocks."

WEB-SITE 'GALLERY?'

For all you Event participants who take wonderful photos -why not share them with everyone else on our web-site. Email your photos to Rob Bell on rekkerrob48@gmail.com

WE KNOCKED THE BASTARD OFF!!



The above members with their trophies after completing all six sections of the Hillary Trail

**Dianne Chisholm, Anne Hastie, Marlies Stevens,
Sheila Jenkins, Alan Grigg**

MEMBERS – INTRODUCE A NEW MEMBER

If you introduce a new member and they join the Club you will get a credit of \$10 on your next TUAC membership renewal account. I acknowledge and accept that neither the Thumbs Up Adventure Club ("the club"), nor any other party associated with any activity arranged by or through the club shall have any responsibility for any liability, financial or otherwise, which might arise whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death which might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in any event or its related activities."